

Nearly all efforts for Reform are met with the cry (not always unjust) that Vested Rights are assailed or endangered, but happily in this case the objection is inapplicable. The Soil of the Republic is still, to a great extent, the property of the whole People, who can do with it as they shall judge most conducive to their own and their children's permanent well-being without valid objection from any quarter. And the proposition that no man henceforth shall be permitted to acquire more than a limited area of the remaining Public Lands, and this only for actual use, not speculation is so simple, so efficacious, so obviously just, that needs not many words to commend it to the acceptance of those who feel the evil and desire remedy. There is room for honest difference as to details, but the statement of the principle is its sufficient commendation.

What changes may be necessary and expedient in our laws allocating the future aggregation inheritance or otherwise of Land now private property may not be so easily determined, that so change is imperative and inevitable we can doubt. The practical question to be now considered is this—Will the enlightened and law-abiding cautious and capable, give the whole subject thorough and reasonable consideration, and unceasingly devising and commending a course which will carefully maintain all existing rights—*i. e.*, shall the movement now vividly preparing be surrendered wholly to the guidance of spirits darkened by the ignorance in which Want and Inequality have imprisoned them and maddened by keen sense of the injustice with which Society thus far treated them? Which is the safer

A Nationalist. In this they were meeting in their own way the views of the *Journal of Commerce*, which, not farly true, which has not yet been done, and the different offices should be supplied with officers and clerks of the same rank and salary, and the same rules should be applied to the business of the Department with the same promptness for the execution of the law. In place of which they are to pay the checks of its disbursing officers, who are, therefore, compelled to do the business of the Department, and the notes of such banks, in direct violation of the law.

—There, reader? you have a fair sample of the difference between things as they are and as they are seen through the spectacles of the *Journal of Commerce*. We do not think the Editor intended in this instance to misrepresent, but he is a bitter and rancorous partisan, and never misses an opportunity to present things in the light most unfavorable to the Whig cause. We complain, not that he is a Loco-Foco, but that, being one, he affects impartiality, and is quoted and regarded by some as indifferent between the two great parties. He is better informed than most of his brethren on that side, and this makes his steadfast, unflinching hostility to the Whig cause the more effective.

CHURCH AT KEY WEST.—The few Episcopalians on the Key of the barren land known as Key West, had long settled a pastor, had just erected a church at a cost of \$7,000, when one day a storm, and rain, and a great hurricane laid fall. They being utterly unable to rebuild it, are compelled to ask donations from others, and, as their church was to be free to all other Christian denominations, (there being none other but a Methodist Society on the island,) they make their appeal accordingly to Christians of whatever creed. Their services have already exerted a salutary influence on a community (mostly of wreckers) wherein such influence was greatly needed. Their pastor, Rev. Mr. Stanford is now in the city under a temporary suspension, and has some scheme which may be resorted to him at St. Marks.

TRIAL AND CONVICTION FOR MURDER.—The trial of the case of the *Slate* vs. *George Jackson*, for the murder of Edward Nelson, in August last, commenced before the Superior Court, at 10 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday. The prisoner is a negro, and the murdered man was a Negro Indian. The homicide was committed in the course of a drunken revel at the house of an old and respected Betty Smith in the town of Leyland, and the circumstances attending it were of the most atrocious character on the part of the prisoner. There could be no question connected with the case, that the murder in its worst form, and the Jury returned in a very short time after retiring, with a verdict of "Murder in the first degree." Guilty as Jackson is of the crime, he is a victim of the same social system which has made the murder almost solely ascribable to race, and the men who sold it to the murderer, as a property, knowing the character of the company and the place where the crime was committed. A single individual, however, in his nature about him, hardly sees this poor negro bound without considering himself a particeps in the crime for which the legally guilty man is hanged.

New London Morning News, 7th.

OFFICIAL POLITENESS.—The Sheriff of Worcester Co. advertises as follows his Aid and intentions with reference to some of the night-walkers of the town of Worcester:

"We members of the Callimachus Band of Worcester are requested to notify the subscribers of their next public meeting, as well as every other person, that they are requested to be present. We would inform them that by the liberal enlargement of the public building under his particular care he shall be able to furnish them with board for a large number of persons."

JOHN W. LINCOLN, Sheriff.

"Worcester, Sep. 17, 1847."

RESIGNATION OF CANAL COMMISSIONER.—It will be remembered that Nathaniel Jones, Esq. one of the acting Canal Commissioners, sent in yesterday his resignation to both houses, such resignation to take effect immediately upon the appointment of a new state, the reason for which resignation was the unpopularity of the state, for a step which we believe was entirely unexpected.

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